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## UNITED STATES AGRICULTURAL TRADE WITH CANADA

Exports of American agricultural products to Canada in 1937 continued to show a marked increase over exports in 1936 and over the exports of the 2 preceding years. Imports of agricultural products from Canada, on the other hand, were smaller in 1937 than in 1936, although they were larger than in 1935.

The increased exports to Canada have been due in part to reductions in Canadian duties resulting from the trade agreement and in part to improved conditions and larger purchasing power in Canada. In 1937, larger crops and increased export supplies in the United States also were important factors.

The decline in imports of agricultural products from Canada in 1937, as compared with 1936, was due chiefly to the cessation of our imports of wheat from that country after the large domestic crop became available in the middle of 1937.

On the export side the principal developments have been:

1. A marked increase in exports of American fruits and vegetables to Canada in both 1936 and 1937, compared with exports in 1935, the year before the trade agreement went into effect.
2. An increase in exports of grains to and through Canada in 1937.
3. Small exports of livestock and meat to Canada.

On the import side, in addition to much smaller takings of Canadian wheat, the outstanding developments have been:

1. Continued large imports of cattle from Canada, chiefly because of high prices in this country and improved consumer demand in 1936 and most of 1937.
2. Reduced imports of cheese from Canada in 1937 compared with imports in 1936.
3. Larger 1937 imports of hay, grass, and forage seeds, reflecting the drought damage of 1936.

The following tabulations give an analysis of the total trade between the United States and Canada, broken down between agricultural and non-agricultural products. The text discusses the trends of exports of agricultural products from the United States to Canada and the trend of the trade in principal import items on which the United States granted duty reductions to Canada.

TABLE 1. UNITED STATES: Exports to Canada, by quarters, 1935-1937

Classification	1935	1936	1937 a/	Increase or decrease 1937 over 1936
	Thousand dollars	Thousand dollars	Thousand dollars	Thousand dollars
All commodities -				
First quarter.....	67,792	75,953	95,372	+19,419
Second quarter.....	83,283	99,013	138,327	+39,309
Third quarter.....	80,503	90,778	134,010	+43,232
Fourth quarter.....	76,579	103,140	123,971	+20,831
12 months.....	308,157	368,859	491,680	+122,791
Nonagricultural -				
First quarter.....	57,743	64,446	82,772	+18,326
Second quarter.....	72,737	85,116	121,368	+36,252
Third quarter.....	71,078	80,113	117,226	+37,113
Fourth quarter.....	62,705	86,831	103,635	+16,804
12 months.....	254,313	316,556	425,051	+108,495
Agricultural -				
First quarter.....	10,049	11,507	12,600	+1,093
Second quarter.....	10,426	13,202	16,959	+3,057
Third quarter.....	9,425	10,665	16,784	+6,119
Fourth quarter.....	13,874	16,259	20,286	+4,027
12 months.....	43,844	52,333	66,629	+14,296
Agricultural on which duties were reduced under the agreement				
First quarter.....	3,562	4,451	5,500	+1,049
Second quarter.....	4,062	5,568	6,533	+965
Third quarter.....	2,409	3,670	10,429	+6,759
Fourth quarter.....	2,265	3,540	10,821	+7,231
12 months.....	12,298	17,229	33,283	+16,054
Other agricultural -				
First quarter.....	6,487	7,056	7,100	+44
Second quarter.....	6,434	8,334	10,426	+2,092
Third quarter.....	7,016	6,995	6,355	-640
Fourth quarter.....	11,609	12,719	9,465	-3,254
12 months.....	31,546	35,104	33,346	-1,753

Compiled from official records of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

a/ Preliminary.

The upward trend in exports from the United States of agricultural items on which the Canadian import duties were reduced by the trade agreement was continued through 1937. Figures for each quarter of the year were larger than those for the preceding quarter, and also larger than figures for the corresponding 1936 period. The advances over 1936 were particularly large in the last two quarters of 1937, principally because

the larger grain crops of the United States permitted resumption of exporting. Much of the grain exported to Canada was en route to Europe, but the 1937 takings for consumption in Canada were also larger than in 1936.

TABLE 2. UNITED STATES: Imports from Canada, by quarters, 1935-1937

Classification	1935	1936	1937 a/	Increase or decrease 1937 over 1936
	Thousand dollars	Thousand dollars	Thousand dollars	Thousand dollars
All commodities -				
First quarter.....	53,254	74,029	99,894	+25,865
Second quarter.....	71,690	85,791	109,102	+23,311
Third quarter.....	73,705	102,642	101,013	-1,629
Fourth quarter.....	82,463	115,091	84,236	-30,855
12 months.....	286,112	377,553	394,245	+16,692
Nonagricultural -				
First quarter.....	45,785	57,105	71,962	+14,857
Second quarter.....	55,263	66,769	83,901	+17,132
Third quarter.....	58,464	72,187	84,077	+11,890
Fourth quarter.....	62,274	79,246	76,524	-2,722
12 months.....	221,786	275,307	316,464	+41,157
Agricultural b/ -				
First quarter.....	12,469	16,924	27,932	+11,003
Second quarter.....	16,427	19,022	25,201	+6,179
Third quarter.....	15,241	30,455	16,936	-13,519
Fourth quarter.....	20,189	35,845	7,712	-28,133
12 months.....	64,326	102,246	77,781	-24,465
Agricultural on which duties were reduced under the agreement c/				
First quarter.....	2,136	3,693	6,561	+2,868
Second quarter.....	3,532	6,175	5,146	-1,029
Third quarter.....	1,062	3,343	6,079	+2,736
Fourth quarter.....	1,073	2,861	3,154	+293
12 months.....	7,803	16,072	20,940	+4,868
Other agricultural -				
First quarter.....	10,333	13,231	21,371	+8,140
Second quarter.....	12,895	12,847	20,055	+7,208
Third quarter.....	14,179	27,112	10,857	-16,255
Fourth quarter.....	19,116	32,934	4,553	-28,426
12 months.....	56,523	86,174	56,841	-29,333

Compiled from official records of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

a/ Preliminary.

b/ Does not include distilled liquors.

c/ 1935 figures include a few nonconcession items not separately classified prior to January 1, 1936.

Increases in imports in 1937 over 1935 and 1936 of items upon which the United States duties were lowered were much less striking than the increases in exports. In spite of the larger imports of cattle, poultry, hay, forage seeds, and certain fruits, the smaller imports of cheese, turnips, and maple sugar kept the 1937 increase in total imports of concession items at a moderate level.

### Exports of Concession Items

Unadjusted figures for grain and grain products (table 7) suggest that the 1937 exports to Canada of United States wheat, rice, and other items were about 11 times as valuable as in the corresponding 1936 period. Such an advance would represent most of the apparent increase over 1936 in the value of all agricultural exports to Canada upon which Canadian duties were reduced. Because of the in-transit business in grain, however, the Canadian records indicated 1937 imports of United States grains and products to be only two and one-half times as large as the 1936 imports. Exports of oats to Canada, a concession item and included in the entry "other grains and grain products," amounted to \$1,492,000 in 1937, a heavy increase over the 1936 figures. The Canadian import record confirms the 1937 United States export figures for oats. Canada, however, reports smaller imports of American corn and rice in 1937 than in 1936.

The larger 1937 export movement to Canada of fruits and their preparations is well substantiated by the Canadian import records, especially of fresh fruits. This group of products is one in which Canada is normally deficient. Larger United States export figures, therefore, indicate a larger utilization of such products by Canadian consumers. Table 3 shows an increase of 11.1 percent in the 1937 export figures for the fruit group over the comparable 1936 total. Of the larger items, fresh grapefruit made the greatest percentage gain in value, with oranges a close second. Exports of apples and pears, however, while larger in volume than in 1936, showed a decline of about 38 percent in value. Substantial increases over 1936 were registered in the exports of all classes of fruit products. The export value of canned fruit increased by 53.2 percent in 1937, while that of dried fruit went up 16.4 percent. Canada has also been utilizing more vegetables from the United States this year than last, especially fresh vegetables. The export value of the whole vegetable group in the 1937 period was 15.5 percent larger than in 1936. Increased exports of tomatoes helped materially to bring exports of fresh vegetables, other than potatoes, to a figure 13.3 percent above last year's exports.

The 1937 exports to Canada of livestock and meat continue to show the retarding effects of relatively high prices in the United States. Exports of live animals, other than poultry, in 1937 registered a gain of 23.1 percent over the reduced 1936 figures as to value, but the value of total meat exports in the 1937 period was 33.3 percent below the

corresponding 1936 value, with the quantity also sharply reduced. The smaller export movement of pork has been especially marked and should be discontinued further because of the usual transit trade of those items through Canada to other countries. Of lard, the leading item among "other animal products," Canada is shown as taking smaller quantities in 1937. Of the miscellaneous group of concession items listed in table 3, fruit juices represent the only increase of importance in the 1937 exports from the United States over comparable 1936 figures.

TABLE 3. UNITED STATES: Exports to Canada of agricultural commodities on which duties were reduced, 1936 and 1937

Commodity	Unit	Quantity		Value	
		1936	1937 a/	1936	1937 a/
				1,000	1,000
				dollars	dollars
Animals -					
Horses.....	Head	314:	370:	83:	89
Live poultry.....	Thousand lb.	35:	25:	17:	15
Other.....		- :	- :	263:	343
Total animals.....		- :	- :	368:	447
Meats -					
Pork, pickled or salted.....	Thousand lb.	3,127:	1,991:	358:	258
Pork, cured b/.....	do	714:	393:	139:	78
Pork, canned.....	do	269:	26:	88:	11
Pork, fresh.....	do	77:	56:	10:	5
Other meats.....	do	520:	337:	104:	79
Total meats.....	do	4,707:	2,853:	699:	431
Other animal products -					
Lard (including neutral lard):	do	2,903:	2,193:	354:	263
Sausage casings.....	do	623:	544:	139:	187
Eggs in the shell.....	Thousand doz.	105:	18:	35:	11
Miscellaneous.....		- :	- :	25:	4
Total other animal products:		- :	- :	553:	465
Grains and grain products -					
Corn and cornmeal c/.....	Thousand bu.	415:	1,747:	409:	1,084
Rice, cleaned.....	Thousand lb.	4,787:	5,367:	162:	189
Wheat and wheat flour d/.....	Thousand bu.	123:	6,040:	139:	6,918
Biscuits, unsweetened.....	Thousand lb.	796:	763:	83:	86
Hominy and corn grits.....	do	7,586:	7,732:	153:	221
Others.....		- :	- :	345:	5,967
Total grains and grain products.....		- :	- :	1,291:	14,465
Vegetables -					
Potatoes.....	Thousand lb.	11,614:	15,312:	279:	245
Other fresh vegetables.....		- :	- :	3,409:	4,049
Canned vegetables.....		- :	- :	127:	80
Dried vegetables.....		- :	- :	31:	133
Vegetable preparations.....		- :	- :	166:	183
Total vegetables and vegetable preparations....		- :	- :	4,062:	4,690

Continued -

TABLE 3. UNITED STATES: Exports to Canada of agricultural commodities on which duties were reduced, 1936 and 1937, cont'

Commodity	Unit	Quantity		Value	
		1936	1937 a/	1936	1937 a/
				1,000	1,000
				dollars	dollars
Fruits and fruit preparations -					
Oranges c/.....	Thousand bx.	1,019	942	2,622	3,056
Grapefruit.....	do	534	604	1,079	1,319
Apples and pears.....	Thousand lb.	12,376	24,469	1,206	742
Other fresh fruit.....		-	-	2,932	3,410
Dried and evaporated fruit....	do	4,751	5,729	373	440
Canned and preserved fruit....	do	3,976	6,192	346	530
Total fruit and fruit preparations.....		-	-	3,563	9,535
Nuts, excluding peanuts.....	Thousand lb.	2,525	3,351	472	518
Molasses.....	Thousand gal.	457	399	67	60
Sirup, including maple.....	do	60	107	17	57
Malt extract and sirup.....	Thousand lb.	139	179	12	15
Fruit juices.....	Thousand gal.	589	326	394	515
Field and garden seeds.....	Thousand lb.	4,347	2,992	454	404
Nursery and greenhouse stock....		-	-	253	275
Miscellaneous items.....		-	-	24	1,402
Total.....		-	-	17,229	33,283

Compiled from official records of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

a/ Preliminary.

b/ Includes hams and shoulders, bacon, and Cumberland and Wiltshire sides.

c/ Cornmeal converted at the rate of 4 bushels of corn to 1 barrel of meal.

d/ Wheat flour converted at the rate of 4.7 bushels of wheat to 1 barrel of flour.

e/ January to April only, free entry having been granted for these months only.

#### Imports of Concession Items

The 1937 increase in the value of imports from Canada upon which United States import duties were reduced resulted in total figures nearly 3 times as large as those in 1935, but only about 30 percent larger than the 1936 figures. Sustained imports of cattle were largely responsible for the increase in the total 1937 imports of low-duty items. See summary table 4 for annual imports of items upon which duties were reduced.

#### Cattle

The value of all cattle imported from Canada in 1937 was more than double the 1935 value and 53.3 percent larger than the 1936 value. The 1937 increase in value resulted largely from unusually high prices for cattle prevailing during most of the year. The number of cattle coming from Canada in 1937 increased to a much small extent than did the value. (See table 4.)

TABLE 4. UNITED STATES: Imports from Canada of agricultural commodities on which duties were reduced, 1936 and 1937

Commodity	Unit	Quantity		Value	
		1936	1937 a/	1936	1937 a/
				1,000	1,000
				dollars	dollars
Cattle -					
Weighing less than 175:					
pounds.....	1,000 head:	56:	81:	752:	1,246
Dairy cows.....	do	7:	7:	352:	425
Weighing 700 pounds or:					
more.....	do	136:	157:	6,878:	11,007
Total cattle.....	do	199:	245:	7,982:	12,678
Poultry -					
Live.....	1,000 lb.	1,118:	4,441:	176:	733
Dead chickens and					
guineas.....	do	172:	36:	41:	7
Total poultry.....	do	1,290:	4,477:	217:	740
Horses worth not over					
\$150 each.....	1,000 head:	17:	10:	2,013:	1,189
Dairy products -					
Cheddar cheese.....	1,000 lb.	10,730:	4,649:	1,464:	708
Cream.....	1,000 gal.	44,053:	136,034:	65:	169
Total dairy products:		-	-	1,529:	877
Cereal breakfast foods...	1,000 lb.	2,539:	794:	257:	81
Hay.....	1,000 tons:	74:	144:	541:	1,067
Oats, hulled, unfit for					
human consumption.....	1,000 bu.	23:	b/	6:	b/
Vegetables -					
Turnips and rutabagas...	1,000 lb.	139,677:	120,022:	919:	841
Seed potatoes (white)...	do	43,752:	40,606:	704:	725
Peas, green c/.....	do	0:	0:	0:	0
Total vegetables.....		-	-	1,623:	1,566
Fruits -					
Blueberries, frozen....	do	2,122:	3,180:	116:	204
Apples.....	1,000 bu.	19:	22:	33:	39
Other.....		-	-	80:	113
Total fruits.....		-	-	229:	356
Grass and other forage					
seeds -					
Timothy.....	1,000 lb.	176:	111:	10:	7
Canada blue grass.....	do	156:	134:	17:	17
Other.....	do	6,872:	12,517:	555:	1,447
Total grass, etc.....	do	7,204:	12,762:	682:	1,471
Maple sugar.....	do	5,206:	6,050:	933:	915
Total.....		-	-	16,072:	20,940

Compiled from official records of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

a/ Preliminary. b/ Less than 500. c/ Duty reduced only from July 1 to September 30.

The 1937 quota for cattle weighing 700 pounds or more, totaling 155,799 head, was filled by mid-August. In 1936, the quota was not filled until the middle of November. Canada supplied 84.2 percent of the 1937 quota against 86.4 percent of the 1936 allotment, the remainder coming from Mexico in both years. The 1937 quota for calves weighing less than 175 pounds (51,933 head) was filled in June; in 1936 the quota was not filled until August. Canada supplied practically all of the quota calves in both years. The low-duty quota of 20,000 dairy cows, of which Canada supplied all, was used only to the extent of 33 percent in both years.

TABLE 5. CATTLE: Imports into the United States,  
by months, 1936 and 1937

Origin Year and month	700 pounds and over			Under 700 pounds			Total dutiable cattle
	Dairy	Other	Total	Under 175 pounds	175-699 pounds	Total	
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
CANADA							
1936							
Jan....	290:	8,574:	8,864:	396:	832:	1,228:	10,592
Feb....	131:	8,683:	8,864:	1,230:	509:	1,739:	10,603
Mar....	200:	14,604:	14,804:	2,135:	905:	3,040:	17,844
Apr....	326:	34,370:	34,696:	6,499:	3,250:	9,749:	44,445
May....	920:	23,747:	24,667:	9,087:	2,297:	11,384:	36,051
June....	764:	20,738:	21,502:	14,337:	2,548:	16,885:	38,387
July....	564:	8,643:	9,207:	14,198:	2,406:	16,604:	25,811
Aug....	835:	5,035:	5,870:	2,631:	4,034:	6,665:	12,535
Sept....	615:	7,902:	8,517:	1,354:	6,248:	7,602:	16,319
Oct....	562:	2,581:	3,143:	849:	6,129:	6,978:	10,121
Nov....	549:	1,303:	1,852:	1,386:	4,495:	5,881:	7,738
Dec....	630:	348:	1,023:	1,093:	1,496:	2,589:	3,617
Total..	6,686:	136,533:	143,219:	55,695:	35,149:	90,844:	234,063
1937							
Jan....	460:	21,536:	21,996:	4,190:	1,143:	5,333:	27,329
Feb....	368:	14,120:	14,488:	6,500:	343:	6,843:	21,331
Mar....	534:	14,150:	14,684:	7,064:	554:	7,618:	22,302
Apr....	586:	11,152:	11,738:	9,349:	439:	10,288:	22,026
May....	489:	12,710:	13,199:	15,007:	1,047:	16,054:	29,253
June....	574:	11,098:	11,672:	14,668:	2,383:	17,051:	28,723
July....	450:	24,449:	24,899:	10,201:	6,479:	16,680:	41,579
Aug....	604:	27,704:	28,308:	5,162:	11,727:	16,889:	45,197
Sept....	610:	8,140:	8,750:	2,453:	10,663:	13,116:	21,866
Oct....	676:	11,179:	11,855:	1,991:	10,363:	12,354:	24,709
Nov....	705:	1,173:	1,878:	2,103:	4,199:	6,302:	8,185
Dec....	667:	52:	719:	1,604:	515:	2,119:	2,353
Total..	6,723:	157,463:	164,186:	80,792:	50,355:	131,147:	295,338
1938							
Jan....	429:	3,361:	3,790:	3,330:	112:	3,442:	8,231

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TABLE 5. CATTLE: Imports into the United States,  
by months, 1936 and 1937, cont'd

Origin year and month	700 pounds and over			Under 700 pounds			Total dutiabale cattle
	Dairy	Other	Total	Under 175 pounds	175-699 pounds	Total	
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
MEXICO							
1936							
Jan....	0:	2,319:	2,319:	161:	3,338:	3,499:	10,313
Feb....	0:	3,291:	3,291:	32:	13,319:	13,351:	17,142
Mar....	0:	6,053:	6,053:	33:	26,997:	27,030:	33,033
Apr....	0:	3,191:	3,191:	266:	30,372:	30,638:	33,829
May....	0:	4,027:	4,027:	123:	14,727:	14,855:	15,332
June....	0:	666:	666:	12:	7,096:	7,108:	7,774
July....	0:	1,306:	1,306:	831:	5,346:	6,227:	7,533
Aug....	0:	557:	557:	93:	5,347:	5,440:	5,997
Sept....	0:	45:	45:	9:	5,773:	5,782:	5,827
Oct....	0:	178:	178:	0:	9,630:	9,630:	9,803
Nov....	0:	527:	527:	0:	4,293:	4,293:	4,825
Dec....	0:	30:	30:	0:	3,193:	3,493:	3,523
Total..	0:	22,190:	22,190:	1,615:	140,211:	141,356:	164,046
1937							
Jan....	0:	6,327:	6,327:	13:	16,425:	16,443:	22,770
Feb....	0:	3,475:	3,475:	70:	17,990:	13,060:	21,535
Mar....	0:	4,352:	4,352:	156:	22,065:	22,221:	26,573
Apr....	0:	3,549:	3,549:	255:	30,062:	30,317:	33,866
May....	0:	4,341:	4,341:	13:	35,035:	35,043:	39,389
June....	0:	936:	936:	636:	10,937:	11,673:	12,659
July....	0:	347:	343:	0:	2,494:	2,494:	2,837
Aug....	0:	621:	621:	61:	10,424:	10,485:	11,106
Sept....	0:	7:	7:	0:	6,311:	6,311:	6,313
Oct....	0:	67:	67:	0:	7,965:	7,965:	8,032
Nov....	0:	224:	224:	0:	7,533:	7,533:	7,757
Dec....	0:	0:	0:	0:	5,426:	5,426:	5,426
Total..	0:	24,792:	24,792:	1,259:	172,717:	173,976:	198,768
1938							
Jan....	0:	4,213:	4,213:	58:	9,855:	9,913:	14,126

Compiled from official records of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

Imports of dutiable cattle from all sources in 1937, at 494,945 head, were 24 percent larger than comparable 1936 imports. A feature of the 1937 imports from Canada has been the much smaller variation in monthly imports than in 1936. Prices during most of 1937 averaged consistently higher than in 1936, but for most months imports from Canada ranged between 21,000 and 29,000 head. Total imports were the largest of any year since 1929. They were not sufficiently large, however, to

offset the factors operating in the United States to place the year's average farm price of beef cattle well above that of 1936 and higher than for any year since 1930, despite the sharp downward movement developed in November and December, when imports were small.

### Cheddar cheese

The 1937 decline in imports of Cheddar cheese resulted in a trade valued at less than half that of 1936. Cheese imports in 1937 were smaller in spite of the fact that United States prices averaged higher in 1937 than for any year since 1930. The 1937 business in cheese, however, was much larger than that of 1935. Imports of Canadian Cheddar cheese in 1937 resulted in a total volume 57 percent smaller than that of 1936, and a decline in value of 52 percent.

TABLE 6. CHEDDAR CHEESE: United States production, and imports from Canada, by months, average 1925-29, annual 1936 and 1937

Month	Average 1925-29			1936			1937 a/		
	Production	Imports from Canada	Percent imports are of production	Production	Imports from Canada	Percent imports are of production	Production	Imports from Canada	Percent imports are of production
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	Percent	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	Percent	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	Percent
Jan..	18,190	467	2.57	28,881	707	2.45	27,346	396	1.45
Feb..	18,717	284	1.52	26,211	605	2.31	26,626	529	1.99
Mar..	23,128	337	1.46	30,804	1,526	4.95	31,359	886	2.83
Apr..	27,809	328	1.18	35,324	373	1.06	37,150	331	0.89
May..	38,224	424	1.11	53,008	121	0.28	52,778	212	0.40
June..	46,061	756	1.64	64,145	493	0.77	62,341	425	0.68
July..	42,029	742	1.77	51,029	1,814	3.55	51,430	140	0.27
Aug..	34,976	595	1.70	45,228	2,339	5.17	46,042	316	0.69
Sept..	29,461	509	1.73	44,933	1,367	3.04	42,533	458	1.08
Oct..	25,105	1,159	4.62	45,629	685	1.50	38,363	829	2.16
Nov..	18,224	1,342	7.36	33,088	184	0.56	29,918	48	0.16
Dec..	17,375	1,273	7.33	29,296	566	1.93	27,645	79	0.29
Total	339,299	8,216	2.42	487,576	10,780	2.21	473,531	4,649	0.98

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The 1937 imports of Cheddar cheese from Canada represented 0.98 percent of United States production for the same period. In 1936, imports from Canada represented 2.21 percent of production. (See table 6.) The United States takes a relatively small part of the Canadian exports of cheese, most of which go to the United Kingdom. The improved market in that country and a somewhat increased Canadian consumption, were the chief reasons for the

smaller 1937 shipments to the United States. Total exports of cheese from Canada in 1937 reached about 89,000,000 pounds, an increase of about 7,000,000 pounds over the 1936 exports. Of the 1937 total about 91 per cent went to the United Kingdom, and about 5 percent to the United States.

### Cream

The relatively small 1937 import business in fluid cream showed a value more than twice as large as the 1936 figures. Most of the cream entered the New England territory, where butterfat prices in 1937 averaged higher than in 1936 and higher than for the country as a whole. Imports of fluid cream during 1937, practically all of which came from Canada, totaled about 137,000 gallons. This figure is nearly three times as large as the 1936 imports, but represents less than 10 percent of the annual low-duty quota of 1,500,000 gallons. The import movement reached a monthly high point of about 22,000 gallons in June, but imports in subsequent months have had a fairly steady downward trend. (See table 7.)

TABLE 7. CREAM: Imports into the United States from Canada and total imports, by months, 1936 and 1937

Month	1936		1937 a/	
	Canada	Total	Canada	Total
	Gallons	Gallons	Gallons	Gallons
January.....	10	10	5,420	5,494
February.....	246	248	3,780	3,899
March.....	1,035	1,035	6,822	6,909
April.....	2,012	2,043	4,919	4,919
May.....	1,620	1,761	13,254	13,256
June.....	1,132	1,136	22,199	22,244
July.....	777	789	17,980	17,980
August.....	1,922	1,922	15,490	15,512
September.....	6,584	6,692	13,150	13,229
October.....	9,297	9,297	14,090	14,126
November.....	11,652	11,652	11,330	11,330
December.....	7,766	7,811	7,600	7,724
Total.....	44,053	44,396	136,034	136,622

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### Certified seed potatoes

Imports of seed potatoes, although smaller in volume, were slightly larger in value than in 1936, and the trade was considerably larger than in 1935. The annual low-duty quota (750,000 bushels) for white certified seed potatoes was entirely utilized in 1936 and 1937. In both years the

quotas were filled late in November. A small quantity of full-duty seed potatoes also was imported in 1937. In that year, spring imports were larger than in 1936. In the first 7 months of the quota year beginning December 1, 1936, the quota was 81.0 percent filled as against 55.4 percent in the corresponding 1935-36 period. March and April are the first 2 months in which the 45-cent rate applies; and in 1937 imports in those months alone accounted for 66.9 percent of the quota against 43.3 percent in 1936. Imports by months for the last 2 quota years appear in table 8.

TABLE 8. POTATOES: Imports into the United States from Canada and total imports by months, 1935-36 and 1936-37

Month:	1935-36				1936-37 a/			
	Certified seed:	Total			Certified seed:	Total		
	potatoes b/	potatoes			potatoes b/	potatoes		
	Canada:	Total:	Canada:	Total:	Canada:	Total:	Canada:	Total:
	Bushels:	Bushels:	Bushels:	Bushels:	Bushels:	Bushels:	Bushels:	Bushels:
Dec....	25,617:	25,617:	33,797:	41,750:	8,405:	8,405:	64,453:	76,297:
Jan....	20,634:	20,634:	30,306:	35,227:	8,291:	8,291:	102,967:	115,869:
Feb....	8,202:	8,202:	15,238:	30,621:	8,765:	8,765:	68,047:	76,556:
Mar....	183,919:	183,919:	190,682:	206,862:	367,717:	367,717:	401,136:	410,610:
Apr....	135,599:	135,599:	174,448:	190,352:	134,014:	134,014:	158,505:	162,366:
May....	19,964:	19,964:	65,877:	67,044:	77,054:	77,054:	89,527:	90,149:
June...	16,633:	16,643:	217,481:	225,008:	3,157:	3,157:	18,026:	18,026:
July...	25:	25:	59,937:	60,246:	750:	750:	876:	876:
Aug....	2,492:	2,492:	12,554:	12,814:	0:	0:	31:	41:
Sept...	2,671:	2,671:	3,155:	3,322:	31,255:	31,255:	32,273:	32,273:
Oct....	49,523:	49,523:	52,001:	52,001:	66,840:	66,840:	67,325:	67,325:
Nov....	276,302:	276,302:	313,045:	314,535:	46,727:	46,727:	47,166:	47,623:
Total:	746,581:	746,596:	1,163,521:	1,239,782:	752,975:	752,975:	1,050,397:	1,093,016:

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b/ Quota year begins December 1. The year 1935-36 was the first quota year.

### Poultry

Imports of live poultry from Canada reached a considerably higher total value and volume in 1937 than in either of the 2 preceding years. The larger imports were accompanied by United States farm prices that averaged slightly higher for chickens than in 1936 or 1935. The national average farm price in 1937 was the highest since 1930. Farmers also received more money for turkeys in 1937 than in 1936. With the exception of 1935, the 1937 average farm price of turkeys was the highest since 1931. Imports of dressed poultry were much smaller in both volume and value in 1937 than in the preceding year.

Other products

Imports of turnips and rutabagas also were smaller than in 1936 and were 3.6 percent lower in value. The value of total imports of fruit in 1937 was 55 percent larger than in 1936, with frozen blueberries registering the greatest gain in the group. Little increase was noted in the usually small imports of Canadian apples.

The larger imports of grass and other forage seeds resulted in more than doubling the value of those imports over the 1936 figures, which in turn were substantially larger than those of 1935. Imports of maple sugar, however, were about 7 percent lower in value than 1936 imports.

